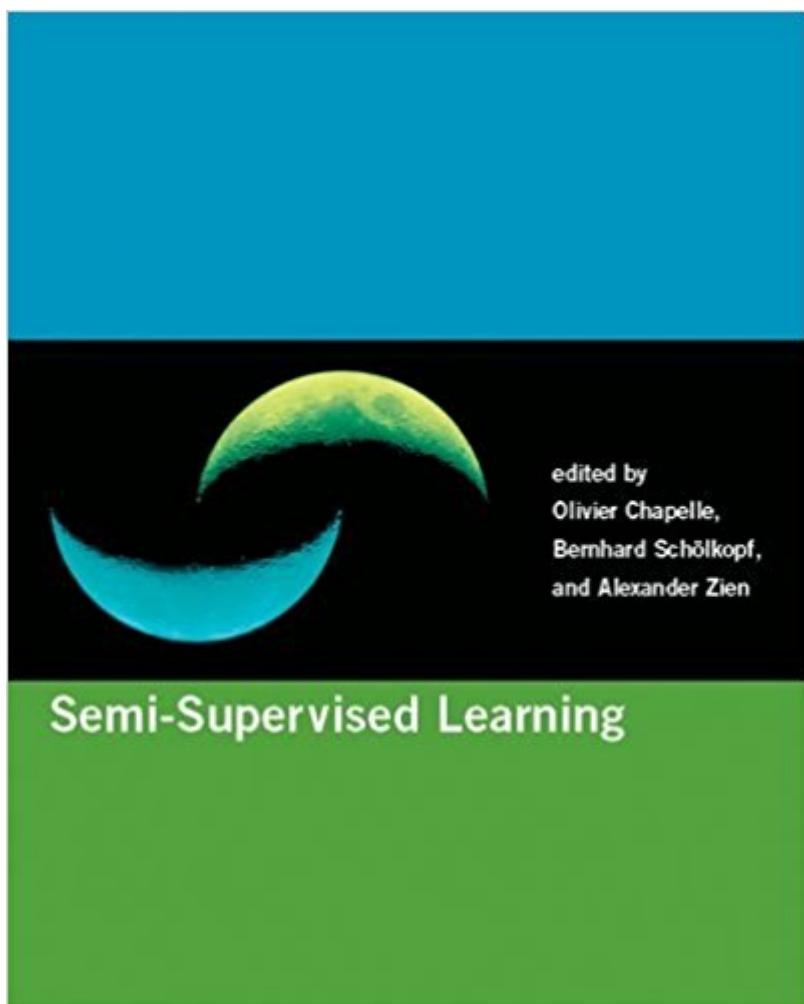


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I am working in domain of applied semi-supervised learning and i found this book to be useful. Authors are right - this field is not mature yet and there might be new methods out or on the way which would change or revolutionize the domain. However, chapters are well divided into areas and even for not very strong mathematically founded person there are ideas and concepts to grab. Advised for people working in this area to see different approaches and maybe eventually to have a spark of a new idea.

a complete introduction to semi-supervised learning and a panoramic view of class of SSL methods and algorithms. very useful for begin the study of SSL

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